

James E.
 Francis.
 Will.

In the name of God amen

I James E. Francis of the county of Franklin and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, but taking into consideration the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and wishing to dispose of all my earthly substance with which it has pleased God to bless me, do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other will or wills by me at any time made viz:-

- 1st I will my soul unto God who gave it and my body to its mother earth from whence it came
- 2nd I will and direct that my burial and funeral expenses together with all my just debts that I now owe or may owe at the time of my death be paid as soon thereafter as possible out of any moneys that I may have at the time and if there should not be a sufficiency then out of the first monies that comes into the hands of my executor,

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Ann Francis the use of the tract of land upon which I now live together with all the household & kitchen furniture, cattle hogs sheep etc. upon or belonging to the premises also eight negro slaves for life to wit:- John Dor, Henry Judin Hally Lina Delaware & America six horses or mules to be selected by her also farming utensils sufficient for all farming purposes taking into consideration the quantity of land she can cultivate and the hands horses etc. with which it is to be cultivated given to her as above stated also corn fodder etc. sufficient to feed the stock bequeathed to my wife Elizabeth Ann, until a new crop shall be made and gathered also a sufficiency of meal flour bacon etc. to last my wife and family until the time above stated to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood, upon the proceeds of which I wish her to raise and give my children a good education. But provided she should at any time intermarry with any other person in that event my will is that she deliver to my executor all that I have bequeathed unto her, with whatever proceeds there may be on hand at that time except a negro girl to be selected by her, which I will and bequeath

to her for and during her natural life but after her death I will, that said negro girl with her increase if she has any revert to my children. Fourthly After a contract now existing between myself and Tyre E Turner shall have been fulfilled and the stipulations therein contained be complied with, which will be more fully shown by an article of agreement made, entered into, signed & sealed by each of us, I will that my tract of land in Lincoln County Tennessee known as the Short Creek tract be rented out for four years at which time my eldest son Andrew J. will arrive at the age of twenty one years when I wish him if he wishes to take charge of said farm paying a reasonable rent to my Executor but should he and my Executor be unable to agree as to what would be a reasonable rent then two of the disinterested neighbors will assess the rent, he Andrew J. retaining in his own hands his prorath share of said rent and so on with the balance of my children as they arrive at the age of twenty one years each one having a portion of said land to tend & live upon if they wish until the youngest shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years at which time I wish said land equally divided between my children or legal heirs.

Also should my wife Elizabeth Ann have intermarried with any other person or have died at the time above stated (say when my youngest child comes of age) I wish my home place also to be divided equally between my children or legal heirs together with all monies and effects of whatever character it may be to be divided between my children as above directed (Equally) but un. ~~no~~ no circumstances is any of my lands to be sold until my youngest child arrives to the years of maturity.

Fifthly I will that all my property negroes excepted not in the hands of Tyre E Turner under his or my contract and that bequeathed to my wife Elizabeth Ann to be sold as soon after my death as will be convenient to do so.

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J.B. Turner to be immediately hired out and those in Turners hands to be hired out so soon as his right to them under our contract expires, until as my children arrive at the age of twenty one years at which time I wish each as they arrive at the age of twenty one years to have a negro out of the following named negroes to wit: - Isaac, Jack, Minor, Green & Serene or the average value of one of said negroes in money, also the negroes given to my wife Elizabeth Ann in case of her intermarriage with any other person, or death before my youngest child arrives at the years of maturity I wish hired out until my youngest child shall have attained the age of twenty one years.

Further after the death of my wife Elizabeth Ann and when all of my children viz: Andrew J. Daniel S. James P. Ruthy Ann, Nancy Catherine, William Tyne & Myrtia Angeline, arrives at the age of twenty one years or intermarriage with any other person before my children above named arrives at the age of twenty one years in either event I wish my home place to go into the hands of my children precisely as I have directed that my Short Creek place in Lincoln County shall. My Executor superintending the same any person or persons renting any of the lands belonging to my estate & living thereon are expressly forbid cutting, wasting & carrying off of said land any timber or using it in any manner save for fire wood and what is actually necessary to keep the place in good ~~order~~ repair, my executor directing & superintending the same but any person renting and not living on the land are forbid using any timber thereon for any purpose whatever.

Lastly having full confidence in the honesty integrity & capacity of Jno E Turner I hereby appoint him my executor to carry into effect this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have herunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 8th day of May 1857 signed sealed & acknowledged

Jas E. Travis (seal)

Attest S. P. Cole

A W Barber

County Court October Term 1857.

Then the last will and testament of James
E Travis dec. was presented to court for probate
and was duly proven by the oaths of J P Cole and
A W Barber the subscribing witnesses thereto and
was ordered to be recorded. Witness my hand at
office February 12 1858 Adam Hancock D. C.

Robert I Robert Brannan a citizen of Franklin County
Brannan Tennessee being feeble in body but of sound
will. mind and discretion do make this my last will
and testament revoking all former wills either
written or verbal, first after my decease I wish
my funeral expenses paid out of any moneys
or effects I may be possessed of Secondly I
wish my land to be sold to the highest bidder
one hundred & seventy three dollars cash the
balance on one and two years credit from
the time of the sale.
Thirdly my personal property I wish my
wife Elizabeth to have all the property I
got with her at our marriage fourthly I
wish my cotton & beef cattle sold for cash to
pay debts that may be due or come due
before the balance of sale money may come due
Fifthly I wish the balance of my personal
estate sold on a credit of twelve months, sixth-
ly and after paying all debts and expenses if
there shall be any money left in the hands
of my executor I wish it equally divided
between my children including Rebecca my
daughter by my last wife Elizabeth, Sev-
enthly I wish my executor to give wife &
children that is minors a decent support
out of my effects for twelve months after my
decease, Eighthly I appoint my son J. C.
Brannan my executor to this my last will
and testament. Given under my hand and
seal this 9th day of October 1857.
Signed sealed & acknowledged } Robert Brannan (Seal)
in presence of us at the request
of the testator the date above written
John Nugent
Sam Swann